

SUNNINGHILL COMMUNITY SECURITY REPORT 2021



As done in the Chairman's report I will explain for those who are new what security infrastructure we have in place and how it works. I will also explain our plans for the coming year and the wins and challenges we have had in the past year.

We will start with the dedicated Armed Response vehicles. Sunninghill has 4 Savika Armed Response vehicles, fully paid for by their respective areas where they are dedicated. 1 dedicated Savika Armed Response vehicle and Reaction officer in Sunninghill Estates, paid for in full with membership contributions from that part of Sunninghill, 2 in Sunninghill Park, which is a very large area, paid for by the members of Sunninghill Park and 1 in Sunninghill Gardens, paid for by the Sunninghill Gardens Homeowners Association.



The primary role of these vehicles is crime prevention. They patrol the suburb 24 hours a day with minimum standoff times. There is an additional manager's vehicle in the area 90% of the time which is paid for by Savika. I check that these vehicles are doing what they are supposed to do daily by means of the tracking devices in their vehicles which I have access to. I check that they do not leave their areas, I check that they don't park off too long and I check their response times. Besides monitoring these reaction officers, I also work hard at motivating them.

On the CCTV front we have 96 live monitored CCTV cameras in the streets of Sunninghill. These cameras are of high quality and have not only resulted in a number of arrests but assisted the police with crime intelligence. We have not stopped here however as crime syndicates increase and become more sophisticated so to do we have to keep a step ahead.



We have 16 License Plate recognition cameras in Sunninghill and will be adding to these as finances become available. Three shopping centres in Sunninghill also have LPR cameras linked to us. Criminals love to frequent shopping centres, to buy something or take something they should not or follow people who have what they want. These LPR cameras are linked to the Police Database of wanted vehicles involved in crime and to a combined police and security company database of suspected or suspicious vehicles. Immediately one of these sort after vehicles goes through these cameras an alarm is activated in the control room with a pop up of the vehicle concerned, where it presently is and what it is wanted for. The Savika Reaction vehicles and police are immediately despatched while the CCTV controllers use the other cameras to track the movement of these vehicles until we catch up with them. Sunninghill is well known as being a leader in using crime fighting technology.



All of this on our own Sunninghill Community Ratepayers Association dedicated fibre. We are to my knowledge the only area that has this. That means that linking our cameras to this fibre which is owned by us, only costs us the technology to link to it, our cameras and power of course. It also means that there are no privacy issues. We do not sell footage to anyone as some others do. Only law enforcement agencies such as SAPS locally and provincially receive any footage from our cameras if they provide a case number. We have always been Popi compliant here and are very strict about enforcing this rule.

Getting back to the year in review. Security wise it has been a successful one. Although there has been crime and unfortunately one will never eradicate this altogether, the crime in Sunninghill has been very low in comparison to other areas in Northern Johannesburg. This is especially true when it comes to violent and serious crimes.

I will now mention some of the crime trends we have experienced in Sunninghill over the past year:

- Theft out of motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles – *continues to be a problem*
- Cell phones snatching. This happens at restaurants, in shopping centres and even in the streets. This crime happens very quickly where a vehicle drives up, someone jumps out and the unsuspecting victim has their phone snatched, the criminal jumps back into the car and they speed off before the poor victim has even registered what has happened.
- Our notorious on foot criminal has also been active again, targeting complexes. We have had better luck at keeping these numbers down of late but still he evades capture.

Some of these crimes can also be attributed to the ever growing squatter problems we are experiencing. We have managed to remove 2 squatter sites as Bruce mentioned in his operational report. However the squatters at the bottom of Van der Bijl next to Chilli Lane are a huge problem including a health problem to residents who live here. The squatters on Maxwell Drive cnr Woodmead Drive are also problematic. Unfortunately these we need assistance with from the authorities and we continue fighting to get just that.

We can only do what we can and more with you our members support.

THANK YOU

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